GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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PRESERVATION OF HERITAGE OF MADHYA PRADESH
RAMANAND SINGH

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware of the schemes being implemented by the Madhya Pradesh Government to preserve State-heritage;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have sanctioned expenditure of crores of rupees towards the repair of ancient-forts, citadels and resorts (Sairgah) of former Maharajas;

(c) if so, whether such properties, under the control of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) are being restored back to the erstwhile rulers and their heirs; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir. Rs. 838 lakhs have been released to the Madhya Pradesh Government from 2000-2001 to 2002-2003 under the 11th Finance Commission.

(b) Department of Culture, Government of India has released Rs. 1499.90 lakhs for conservation and upgradation of monuments, construction of public facilities, approach roads and setting up museums etc. in the state of Madhya Pradesh.

Besides, Department of Tourism, Government of India has released Rs. 528.29 lakhs for the year 2002-2003 for conservation, development of monuments/museums and allied purposes like upgradation of monuments, museums, information and interpretation centers and National Folk Festival etc.

(c) There is no such proposal with Archaeological Survey of India.

(d) Does not arise.